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Applicants: Paul William Watt et al.  
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For : BIOPOLYMER SPONGE TUBES, SURGICAL STAPLERS AND METHODS OF USE  
THEREOF

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE  
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 23, 1998 for three (3) months from December 23, 1998 to March 23, 1999. The Combined Declarations and Powers of Attorneys are being filed concurrently herewith.

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